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SIR:

This is a petition to withdraw the above-identified application from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) so that the Amendment filed herewith may be considered upon the granting of this petition and the enclosed papers requesting the filing of a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h), the required fee for filing this 37 C.F.R. §1.313 petition is included herewith.

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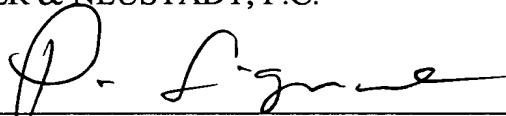
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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the petition be granted, that this above-identified application be withdrawn from issue, and that the Amendment filed herewith be considered in the continued examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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